of the oil the tinning in 15 kg. tins has been taken up. State Governments/U.T. Administrations have been specially requested to expedite the lifting of palmolein.

Fair Price Shops in the country

4256. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) what is the present total number of Fair Price Shops in the country as on 31st March, 1994, State-wise ; and

(b) what percentage of total population of the country is covered by these shops ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) Details showing the number of Fair Price Shops and the percentage of population covered by Public Distribution System (PDS), as per reports received from States/Union Territories are given in the enclosed statement. The latest information available pertains to 1-1-1993.

Statement

Details regarding number of Fair Price Shops and the percentage of the population covered by P D S

Sl. No.	State/UTs.	Total No. of PDS outlets as on 1-1-93	Percentage of population covered by PDS system
1.	Andhra Pradesh	37521	100
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	738	89.6
3.	Assam	27259	100
4.	Bihar	45191	100
5.	Goa	572	100
6.	Gujarat	12018	100
7.	Haryana	7414	100
8.	Himachal Pradesh	3386	100
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	2652	79.76
10.	Karnataka	18479	100
11.	Kerala	13157	96.75
12.	Madhya Pradesh	22117	100
13.	Maharashtra	39341	100
14.	Manipur	1828	100
15.	Meghalaya	3643	100
16.	Mizoram	904	100
17.	Nagaland	225	1.47
18.	Orissa	22004	90.1
19.	Punjab	10902	100
20.	Rajasthan	15962	100
21.	Sikkim	N.A.	N.A.
22.	Tamil Nadu	21985	100
23.	Tripura	1290	100
24.	Uttar Pradesh	73766	100
25.	West Bengal	20277	100
26.	A & N Islands	351	100
27.	Chandigarh.	316	100
28.	D & N Haveli	63	92.75
29.	Daman & Diu	57	100
30.	Delhi	3560	100
31.	Lakshadweep	32	100
32.	Pondicherry	3058	100

Supply of foodgrains into tribal areas

4257. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA :

DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR :

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that supply of foodgrains under the PDS are not reaching the remote tribal areas of the country ;

(b) what steps are being taken to see that proper supply of foodgrains are made to the tribal areas ; and

(c) whether every tribal family in the country is getting at least 20 kg. of foodgrains as decided ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) Central Government has not received any report regarding foodgrains not being supplied to remote, far-flung, tribal areas in any State/Union Territory. Central Government makes bulk allocations to States/UTs for distribution through the Public Distribution System. Operational matters including lifting of foodgrains, transportation arrangements, distribution of foodgrains etc. are matters that fall under the